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Dear OM:

Please pardon delay in reply to your letter to KB concerning the matter of club rates. We have been simply swamped since VJ Day as you can imagine, and there is no let-up in sight.

I think I can explain this matter. You will recall that when we first set up the club rate years ago it was necessary for us to receive ten or more entries at one time through a club officer, usually the secretary, in order to justify the rate of ~~the~~ remittance to us. It was further pointed out, and this is important, that the individual was to pay $2.50 to the club, 50¢ of which was to go to the club treasury. Later this was amended so that if a club sent us ten or more entries at one time at least once a year, we would accept additional entries in any quantity provided of course that they came to us through the club secretary. This was done to stop delays and complaints, because if the club secretary had to hold individual entries until he got another ten there would be much delay.

During the war period, with but little club activity, individuals started to send us direct remittances of $2.00, stating that they were a member of such and such a club, and we accepted them because we were swamped and short of help, during the war period, and it seemed like a case of endless correspondence, with the club secretary probably away at war. There were very few such cases, however, and now we have stopped them by using the enclosed card. I trust that this explanation is satisfactory and you will see that it was a matter of expediency.

I should like to add the following: we are seriously considering cutting out the $2.00 club rate because it has become

more or less embarrassing to us. It was never intended, as I have said, for the individual to pay $2.00, for his year's membership-subscription. The individual should pay the full $2.50. I think that in actual practice that a large majority of the clubs only ask the individual member for $2.00, and forget the 50¢ for the club treasury. I should like to see our clubs send us the full $2.50 for membership and subscription because there seems to be no way to correct the evil I mention. Certainly the individual is willing to pay $2.50 for his membership-subscription, and I think that the affliated clubs will be willing to help the membership growth of its national organization by sending us the full amount. It is essential that we correct the business of an individual remitting but $2.00. I should be glad to have your views on the subject. Recently Dawson Bliley of Erie was here - he is active in the Erie club - and we exchanged our views on the subject. As stated, I should like yours.

Sincerely yours,

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